

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Thursday, November 20

1997

USMP-4 Mission Under Way

The Space Shuttle Columbia, with its primary scientific cargo of the U.S. Microgravity Payload-4, lifted off on time at 1:46 p.m. CST Wednesday to begin a 16-day flight. The primary scientific goals are to investigate materials used by industry, the phenomena of combustion and fundamental physics -- studies important to the future of the nation's high-technology economy.

**Reception for
Employees Who
Volunteer in
Area Schools,
2 p.m. Thurs. in
Bldg. 4708**

**STS-87/USMP-4
Briefings
Beginning at
4:30 p.m.
Thurs. on
NASA TV**

**Red Cross to Hold Blood Drive
8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Fri. in Bldg. 4752**

The Red Cross will hold an "Auburn-Alabama" blood drive 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Friday in Bldg. 4752. Donors' names will be entered in a drawing for autographed footballs. Those whose last names begin with A - B should donate between 8 and 8:30 a.m.; C - E, 8:30 - 9 a.m.; F - H, 9 - 9:30 a.m.; I - L, 9:30 - 10 a.m.; M - P, 10 - 10:30 a.m.; Q - S, 10:30 - 11 a.m.; and T - Z, 11 - 11:30 a.m. Civil service employees who donate are eligible for four hours excused absence Friday, in addition to time required to donate.

Safety Meeting Planned for Thurs.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all safety coordinators, monitors and fire marshals 1 - 3 p.m. Thursday in Morris Auditorium. Jay Prater of WAFF-TV will be the speaker. Joyce Davis, Marshall's emergency preparedness officer, will discuss the Emergency Program. Also, a representative of the Industrial Safety Office will present the new Safety Concerns Reporting System and the Industrial Safety Procedures & Guidelines.

**Exchange Nut
Sale Begins
8 a.m. Fri. in
Bldg. 4752**